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1. RABBI SCHNEIER'S MESSAGE DELIVERED TO PATRIARCHY MARCH 7. IT IS STILL TOO EARLY FOR ACCURATE REPORT OF DAMAGE TO CHURCHES AND OTHER RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS. ORTHODOX SYNOD WILL MEET AT 1400 MARCH 7 TO TRY AND ASSESS DAMAGE IN BUCHAREST AND ELSEWHERE. CHURCH AUTHORITIES HAD ASKED VARIOUS DIOCESES TO PROVIDE REPORTS BY 1200 MARCH 7, BUT HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY IN COMMUNICATING WITH MANY EG, THEY HAVE NOT YET HEARD FROM CRAIOVA WHICH WAS PARTICULARLY HARD HIT. NOR HAVE THEY HEARD FROM MOLDOVA, ALTHOUGH THEY EXPECT LITTLE DAMAGE THERE. THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF DEATHS OF ANY OF THE ORTHODOX OR OTHER RELIGIOUS LEADERS, SO FAR AS WE KNOW.

2. IN AND AROUND BUCHAREST SOME CHURCHES HAVE LOST STEEPLES OR CUPOLAS, BUT WORST DAMAGE HAS BEEN AT ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE AND SEMINARY, WITH LATTER ALMOST COMPLETELY DESTROYED. SO FAR FIVE SEMINARIANS HAVE BEEN FOUND DEAD. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. PATRIARCHY HAS RECEIVED MANY MESSAGES PLEDGING ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING ONE FROM WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. CHURCH AUTHORITIES HAVE PROMISED TO CONTACT EMBASSY ONCE MORE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE. EACH OF 14 RECOGNIZED RELIGIOUS FAITHS IN ROMANIA IS ALSO CONDUCTING DAMAGE SURVEYS

AND RESULTS WILL BE EVENTUALLY FUNNELED TO STATE BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF CULTS. THEY HAVE ALSO PROMISED TO INFORM EMBASSY WHEN FURTHER INFORMATION KNOWN.
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